

Consequences in the Life of David (Cont)

2 Sam 14-18:15

When a man gets involved in sin, especially the sin of immorality he will pay the price in his household!

EIGHT STEPS OF CONSEQUENCES IN THE LIFE OF DAVID (Swindoll, pp 215-221)

1. Unfaithfulness in His Marriage.
2. Death of a Child.
3. Immorality among the Children.
4. Hatred among the Children.
5. Absalom murders Amnon.
6. Rebellious son.

Ingredients for producing a rebellious son

1. Be inconsistent
2. Be a hypocrite
3. Be proud
4. Be strong on discipline but weak on communication
5. Be weak on mercy and strong on truth
6. Assume negative.
7. Never praise the good
8. Be too busy
9. Talk mean to spouse
10. Criticize spiritual leaders

Ingredients for producing a godly son (for parents)

1. Be consistent
2. Be transparent
3. Be humble
4. Be strong on discipline and strong on communication
5. Proper balance of mercy and truth
6. Assume positive
7. Praise the good
8. Spend quantity time with son
9. Be kind to spouse
10. Support spiritual leaders.

7. Conspiracy.

Absalom leads a conspiracy against father.

Absalom comes back to Jerusalem but isn't able to see father for 2 years.

2 Sam 14:24, 28

David's unwillingness to forgive and restore communication--bitterness in Absalom.

As people came to see David for counsel Absalom intercept them.

Say bad things about David.

Roe: Then we see Absalom deliberately placing himself at the city gate presenting himself as a kingly person and quietly sandbagging his father...

...Four years Absalom deliberately deceives David. And so not only is David deceived, but David is self-deceived.

2 Sam 15:14

David suffered loss of many close and personal friends.

Ahithophel sided with Absalom.

8. More Murder--Joab Murders Absalom. Ch.18

2 Sam 18:1

Men rallied to his support.

Josephus: But when David had numbered his followers, and found them to be about 4,000 he resolved not to tarry till Absalom attacked him, but set over his men captains. (Antiquities of the Jews, Book 7, Chapter 10, Paragraph 1).

Most -untrained and carried weapons with them if available.

2 Sam 18:2

David divided army into 3 sections.

Plans to attack Absalom to get throne back.

2 Sam 18:3

Sir, you are too valuable for us to lose.

Help troops by staying behind in Mahanaim.

2 Sam 18:4

Emotional time for David as watched armies leaving to retake kingdom.

David lifts his hand to command the attention of the army:

2 Sam 18:5 ... *Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom.*

These men ready to lay lives on line for David.

Apparently David thought more about son than them.

2 Sam 18:6-9

Some believe Absalom's hair caught ...or head became wedged between two branches ...

2 Sam 18:10-15 *...And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, ...15 And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.*

Deu 21:18-21

Powell: *David's love for his rebellious son may be understood by all parents, but the fact remains that the king's excessive love for Absalom and his intense desire to spare his life brought about a violation of the commandment of God and an unpardonable failure in administering justice. David had difficulty obeying God because he desired to preserve one whom the Lord had sentenced to death.*